

April 9, 1974 - Tues.

Dear Vicki and Jim,

The rain is still coming down except last Sunday, the sun came out so I did a little yard work. Dad spent the week - and working on the precision bridge system. The charts he is making are really master pieces. Mary came over early Sunday and I did her hair job, which involves stripping the color out with one solution and then putting a blonde solution on. It takes hours to complete the job. Mike came over later as he had been in Olympia and we had dinner and played bridge. Mary got a little bored with our new system as Dad kept looking at his notes, and I didn't blame her, Dad didn't even want to quit playing when they thought they should go home at ten o'clock.

Mary is feeling fine and she feels the baby starting to move around now. Mike is taking the baby classes with her and Mary said he does a very good job, changing diapers on the doll they work with.

Your letter came yesterday, and I think it is good to put off coming now when your stay would be so hurried. If you can get out this summer there will be so many fun things to do. The cousins are all anxious to see you and Steve and I thought it would be fun to plan a family picnic out at Vasa Park.

My Swedish Class had a night off last night on account of spring vacation, but my Yoga class meets tonight as usual.

I read in the paper that the Cherry blossom festival was slightly spoiled because of



the weather and the lanterns could not be lit. I wonder if you felt any effects from the explosion.

I am sending this check for your birthday present, Jimmy. It's a little early but I thought since you plan to celebrate at the French restaurant this weekend you should have dinner on us, or what ever you want to do with it. I had thought if you came here now, you could pick out what ever you wanted, but this will work just as good. It is a dollar for every year you are.

I have a basket ball for you and dad really laughed. He said when you come, you have to bounce it at least once.

Mary and I are going to Enniscorthy Thursday to see Jesse James. Aunt Stella

just got back from Reno. At one time she had three one hundred dollar bills but she kept giving Uncle Harold some as he was losing, so it all went back to the club.

Save all your pennies as you probably have read that they are going to stop making copper pennies.

Mike's mother is recuperating nicely from her two broken legs. She will be able to put weight on the one leg in a couple of weeks so will be able to go home from the hospital and get around on crutches.

Have a nice week-end and I will write more later.

Love, Mom.

Gail saw Gregg twice when she was in Anchorage.